

THESE BACHELORS WANT WIVES

Oatman, Arizona Bachelor Association Proposes Enmasse to 250 Widows of Santa Monica

Santa Monica, Nov. 17.—The Oatman Arizona Bachelor's association has proposed to 250 Santa Monica widows who hold the balance of power in the approaching election December 5. The proposal is official and is the biggest matrimonial offer in all history. It came in the form of a letter to Chief of Police Barretto and to i: were signed the names of sixteen directors of the association.

All steps toward a reply, either jointly, severally, by or for the widows will be postponed until after the election. The widows are wanted here on that day. Any attempt to lure them away will be resisted by injunction proceedings. After stating that a newspaper account of the winows' political power had reached Oatman, the letter continues:

"We have here an equal number of bachelors, ranging in age from 20 to 41 years. Also we have a Bachelor's association. If you could find it convenient to communicate with some of these fair widows and notify them of our intentions and should they intend to get married, we are convinced beyond a doubt, they will have no trouble in getting husbands." Here are the names of a few of the bachelors: Charles W. Hayes, 34, five feet nine; 180 pounds. Tony Schoemaker, 35, five feet, five; 160; Alfred Neelson, 30, 175. Fred Miller, 28, 160; D. W. Mitchell, 28, five feet ten, 175 pounds; C. Kempell, 27, five feet nine, 180 pounds; Michael Koster, 34, five feet nine, 185; James B. O'Reilly, 40, five feet eight, 190; Andy Porter, 29, six feet one, 220; James P. Brewer, 24, six feet, 200; John K. Buhl, 28, four feet eleven, 160; Thomas Hogan, 40, five feet seven, 155; Thomas Bosanko, 40, five feet eight, 165; Alfred Beck, 38, six feet, 190; George Marton, 37, six feet, 180; Ed Peterson, 42, 185.

The letter concludes: "These names are only a small margin compared with the great number of bachelors employed in the Tom Reed mining camp. We would suggest you try to find us life partners. Yours sincerely, "Oatman Bachelor's Association, "Oatman, Mohave County, "Arizona."

Prominent Cattleman Breags Leg

Hy Fuller, the Winslow cattleman, had the misfortune to break his leg last Saturday. His auto run into a swale in the sand going from Winslow to the stockyards and stuck. When he cranked it up and endeavored to get it out, it came alive all of a sudden and run over his leg breaking both bones. The break is a clean one and while Mr. Fuller is not suffering much, he will not be herding cattle in an auto for some weeks to come.

An auto is so much different from a cowhorse. Yelling "whoa" and throwing the reins over the auto's head won't accomplish the same result, even with both eyes blinded as it will with a horse, and, too, a horse is always in gear while it is difficult to tell whether an auto is or not.

Mr. Fuller's many friends here regret to learn of his accident and hope that it will not be long before his genial, whole souled smile will be floating around again.

Free School Books

The legislative candidates on the republican ticket in the several counties of the Territory pledged, if elected, to support and work for a system of free text books for the pupils in the public schools of the new state. If this proposed plan becomes a law, it will be a saving to the patrons of our public schools of about \$1.50 per year for each pupil enrolled, and to families having several children in school, this means, in many instances, a hardship.

The recent change in text books has cost the patrons of the public schools of the Territory, in round numbers, sixty thousand dollars, which means about \$2.00 for each pupil enrolled; many dollars of which, have come from the pockets of those least able to bear the burden; and many instances, it has been a hardship, and even a sacrifice.

In case of free school books, they will be paid for by those having property listed for taxation, proportionately, and those least able to pay will only have to stand the expense in proportion to their taxable property; whereas, under the present system, the rich and the poor share the burden in proportion to the number of children attending school, regardless of their respective financial conditions.

Raudedaugh, the cement man, will figure with you on any cement work you want. Aug. 25 tf

NEWS OF THE TERRITORY

Summary of Past Week's Happenings Over the Territory of Arizona, Borrowed, Stolen or Revamped.

Earthquake shock was recently felt at Tucson.

There is fine bass fishing in the Roosevelt dam.

New bank building is under construction at Tempe.

The Globe Daily Democrat has suspended publication.

Maricopa county prohibitionists have nominated a county ticket.

The Spellmire & Lyons prize bucks were awarded prizes at the territorial fair.

The Board of Health of California states that deaths from tuberculosis in that state for the past year were 4,827.

It looks like Douglas might again be the center of activities in Mexican troubles. Too close it to the line—better move the line south several miles.

Frank Ross, who has been serving a 6 year sentence in the territorial prison for robbery, has been paroled after having served two years of the time. Exemplary conduct won his liberty.

Frank Schafer, a well known cowboy of Holbrook, was found dead near Dry Lakes last week. He was riding among the cedars and it was evident that a limb struck him breaking his neck. He was buried in Holbrook.

W. D. Fisk, the republican candidate for state treasurer, narrowly escaped being killed by being caught underneath an overturned automobile last week. B. J. Barron, who was with him in the auto, is laid up in a hospital.

Rosalio Arroyo, a Mexican, aged 19 years, employed as a machine tender at the briquette plant of the Copper Queen smelter at Douglas, was instantly killed Sunday morning, when a motor and 15 cars of muck left the track.

The United States grand jury of Gila county will convene Monday and the trial jury will convene on Tuesday of next week. The cases of Stewart and Goodwin, alias Steel, for the murder of Kibbe and Hillpot have been set for that time.

A bill providing for the establishment of a state bureau of immigration and statistics, to be introduced before the legislature next spring, was the principal topic under discussion at the annual meeting of the Arizona Development Board at Phoenix.

A few days ago the prisoners working on the excavations for the piers for the new bridge at Tempe found a small wild cat kitten which was brought to the stockade and has grown tame. It is very playful and it is hoped by all prisoners that it will be satisfied to remain there and become a pet.

Rumors which have been going the rounds for the past several weeks to the effect that the Humboldt smelter located at Humboldt, Yavapai county, is about to close down, seem to be confirmed by the positive statement that such action will be taken within a short time. One hundred men were employed.

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